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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 751
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Patrick Ford on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Patrick Ford, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on April 20, 2002 during a ceremony held at the Bartlett Presbyterian Church in Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as an active and valuable member of Boy Scout Troop 487 includes twenty-one Merit Badges, distinguished service in a variety of leadership roles, and the level of Brotherhood for the Order of the Arrow in the Chickasaw Council; and

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WHEREAS, Patrick was the first Boy Scout in Tennessee to fulfill the requirements for all four of the God and Country programs, completing God and Me in 1993, God and Family in 1995, God and Church in 1998, and God and Life in 2001; for this remarkable achievement, he was recognized by P.R.A.Y. and the Mayor of Bartlett in May of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Ford's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; Patrick worked tirelessly for American Legion Post 249 compiling a list of names of all Bartlett residents, since the town's establishment in the 1800s, who had been killed in action while serving in the United States Armed Forces; he spent hours researching library documents and contacting people locally as well as members of the U.S. Armed Forces to obtain a thorough and accurate record; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 249 submitted the completed list to the Mayor of Bartlett who commissioned the creation of a plaque honoring the memory of U.S. soldiers from the Bartlett area who lost their lives in battle; the plaque will be placed in one of the surrounding parks in Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, a Junior at Bolton High School, he is active in his school's Jazz and Symphonic Band and is a valuable participant in the Mock Trial; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Ford is a member of Youth Leadership of Bartlett, Bridge Builders, and Who's Who Among High School Students in America; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary young man has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House and assisted Alzheimer's patients at Ave Maria; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Patrick as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud and honor Patrick Ford on becoming an Eagle Scout,

commend his meritorious service to American Legion Post 249 and the good people of Bartlett, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy